combating specific micronutrient deficiency diseases National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme and Prophylaxis Programme to prevent Vitamin A deficiency and Nutritional anaemia due to iron deficiency are being implemented.

Foreign Investment in Indian Shares

1097. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of foreign investment in the shares of Indian companies;

(b) the month-wise investment in the shares of the Indian companies from April, 1995 to March, 1996; and

(c) the foreign disinvestment in the shares for the period from April, 1995 to March, 1996 in the Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The* information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines for Transfer of Senior Functionaries Formulates by CBDT

1098. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines for transfer of Commissioners of Income Tax and other senior functionaries formulated by CBDT wide letter F.No. A-3515/7192-Ad. VI dated 6th October, 1992 have been applied properly, if there are exceptions, details thereof;

(b) whether posting of the officers of IRS in CBDT is being used merely as means of extending stay in Delhi contrary to the existing guidelines and officers not getting opportunity to serve in the apex body get discriminated in matters of posting, housing, accommodation and foreign deputations; and

(c) if so, whether Government would ensure rationalisation in matter of posting etc. of senior officers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No such guidelines have been issued on 6th October, 1992. However, guidelines have been issued for all the Group 'A' and Group 'B' officers of the Income Tax Department on 6.11.92. These provide for certain exceptions like:

(i) Posting of husband & wife together at the same station to the extent possible.

(ii) Office-bearers of recognised association/federations being allowed ^ to continue at the headquarter of association/ federation.

(iii) An officer with less than 2 years service at the time of his promotion being allowed to continue in the same region/charge, if it is possible.

(iv) Posting of persons who have less then 3 years to retirement to their home-town/state if they have not been posted there in the last 10 years.

The Government can relax any of the conditions prescribed in the guidelines issued on 6.11.1992 due to compassionate and administrative grounds in appropriate cases.

The postings in the Central Board of Direct Taxes are done under a different set of guidelines. No discrimination is made between officers in the matter of posting, housing, accommodation and foreign deputation on the ground of their posting.

(c) In view of the answer to (a) & (b) does not arise.